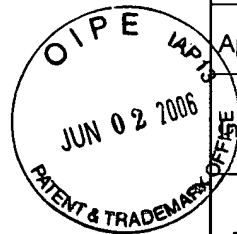


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>			Docket No. AKY-0009		
Application No. 10/658,364-Conf. #3315	Filing Date September 10, 2003	Examiner L. M. Ngo	Art Unit 3727		
Applicant(s): Akira Yamashita					
Invention: METAL CAP					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					<b>0.00</b>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ 0.00 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 18-0013 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.					
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 8 are amended and claims 9-11 are added.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of claims 5-7.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)